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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXPRESS MAIL NO.: EL 904756789 US

Applicant : Thomas Dean Gulley
Application No. : not assigned yet
Filed : concurrently herewith
Title : THREE-PIECE BARREL HINGE
Docket No. : 46893/DRK/S1050

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b) and MPEP 409.03

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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February 22, 2002

Commissioner:

As attorney of record in the above identified application (hereafter the "Application"), on behalf of the assignee Sierra Pacific Engineering and Products, I hereby petition for acceptance of the above identified application on behalf of a sole inventor Thomas Dean Gulley who refuses to execute the application and refuses to cooperate with the prosecution of the Application.

On behalf of the assignee, I further hereby petition that any patent which may issue from the Application be issued to Sierra Pacific Engineering and Products.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.47, this Petition is accompanied by the following:

1. Declaration for Patent Application as required by 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 and MPEP §324.
2. Declarations by Larry Mirick, President, George Alvarado, Engineering Manager, and Todd M. Kawai, Controller and Human Resource Manager, of Sierra Pacific Engineering and Products, stating Sierra Pacific Engineering and Products' relationship to the inventor, attesting to the pertinent facts surrounding Mr. Gully's refusal to sign the Declaration for Patent Application upon presentation of a full and complete copy of the patent application and the Declaration for Patent

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Application, and establishing the necessity of this Petition to preserve the rights of Sierra Pacific Engineering and Products.

3. A copy of the original executed Assignment under which Mr. Gully assigned all of his right, title, and interest to the invention to Sierra Pacific Engineering and Products.

4. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for payment of the petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1728.

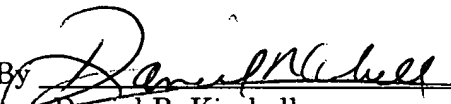
The name and last known address of the inventor is:

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Assignee believes that all statutory requirement have been sufficiently met, and accordingly respectfully requests prompt acceptance of this petition. However, if there are any remaining matters, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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